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TAGS: BENC, IN

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ORISSA SPONGE IRON

REF: NEW DELHI 4178

1. COMMERCE MAJOR PROJECTS DISCUSSED INFO REFTEL WITH DR. ARMITAGE AT A-C REDUCTION SYSTEMS DIVISION, ARMITAGE ATTRIBUTED DELAY TO GERMAN (LURGI) EFFORTS TO KILL ORISSA SPONGE IRON PROJECT BY INFLUENCING MINISTRY STEEL AND MINES OFFICIALS BELOW PATNAIK. IF SUCCESSFUL, LURGI WILL HAVE DIRECT REDUCTION EDGE IN INDIA IF

ANDHRA PRADESH PILOT PLANT PROVES OUT. GOI IS WITH-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLDING APPROVAL FOR ANOTHER 150,000 MTPY PLANT IN BIHAR TO AWAIT RESULTS ANDHRA PRADESH AND ORISSA PROJECTS.

2. ARMITAGE HAD NO QUARREL WITH DISCUSSING INCREASED EQUITY IN ORISSA PLANT IF GOI APPROVAL (FOREIGN COLLABORATION AGREEMENT) OF TORSTEEL - ALLIS CHALMERS CONTRACT FORTHCOMING.

3. ARMITAGE MAY TRAVEL TO INDIA IN NEAR FUTURE. IN MEANTIME, AMCONSUL CALCUTTA MAY WISH PASS CONTENTS REFTEL TO A-C'S ROBERT LE ROY, WHO CAN BE REACHED AT

GRAND HOTEL OR THROUGH TORSTEEL TRUSTEE DR. MOHANTY. VANCE

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